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who is typically punctual, should send off a signal that I might have had a hectic morning. Some instructors must not get that because the last thing anyone wants after running late, speeding to get to class and then being pulled over is to be degraded for your occasional tardiness in front of everybody else in the room. But it must be acceptable to them when the ever typical 'late to your own wedding' student strolls in every day like this. Maybe this is why we have some of those attendance policies set up. Read more on page ten.

— Jennifer Chrapkowski

BRING ON THE STRESS.

Most students today are juggling jobs, classes, homework, extracurricular activities, a social life, transferring, oh and how to pay for school and where you are going to live or whether or not you will have a job when you transfer there and just the *simple* act of applying. Doesn't sound too stressful does it? Well, trying to transfer to University of Nebraska this past few months has been anything but simple. All of the paperwork involved and waiting is maddening. Even worse is focusing on two schools at one time, because I still have to finish here first. So it's no wonder that students today get overwhelmed easily. One little task piled on another adds up to a lot, even to those students who might not be dealing with transferring yet. As different as amounts of stress may appear to be, we all do have those things like going to class and homework to worry about. Any student might be able to point at the other and say they are less stressed than they are but you can't ever really know. For example, I walk in to class four minutes late and, being a student

Did you know?

-That the yellow bracelets seen everywhere from Hollywood to Haverhill Road are more than just a fad, they support the Lance Armstrong Foundation for cancer.

-Armstrong was diagnosed with testicular cancer.

-He also underwent two surgeries, one to remove his cancerous testicle and another to remove cancerous lesions on his brain.

-His cancer in the lungs and brain was a result of spreading from original testicular cancer.

More information regarding his foundation and where to get the Livestrong bracelets is available at www.laf.org.

READY FOR SPRING BREAK.

So many students want to get out of town for spring break, and who could blame them. Why stay in El Dorado, when you could go on a cruise or go skiing, or just hang out with friends in your hometown? Some people may think that wasting so much money for a few days of vacation isn't worth it, but I think that a few days of getting away is just what every student needs this time of year. Even if you don't spend hundreds of dollars on a trip, spending quality time with friends is just as good. As midterms approach us it gets crazy. Classes seem to consist of never ending homework to prepare you for the big test. All of this pushes a lot of students to a breaking point. Remember senioritis from back in high school? Well for me it's floating around again. I don't know exactly what you would call it but a major case has made its way to the campus. I bet that there are many others out there thinking the same thing, but what could be better than taking a break? The only benefit to coming back from vacation is being so relaxed. I think that every student should be able to have a good spring break to be able to make it through the last half of the semester. Check out vacation spots fellow students are going to and other tips for a successful spring break on page 24.

Fast Facts

-Faculty and staff park in general parking (they have to walk too!)

- Over 30 million Livestrong bracelets have been sold.

- Experienced storm chasers offer classes to fellow inexperienced storm fanatics via tornado.chaser.net

- Butler offers classes to become a firefighter.

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CAMPUS

KENNY WILSON, LIBERAL FRESHMAN (ABOVE), lays the ball up while playing a relaxing game of basketball. Photo by Andrew Dorpinghaus

LIFE



ZAC RAY, BURLINGTON FRESHMAN (ABOVE), takes part in bowling night as part of the Homecoming activities the week of February 14. Photo by Jason Unruh

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BUTLER STUDENTS (above) cheer on their favorite dancer (below) for the dance contest that was held during halftime of the men's basketball game against Garden City Community College on January 26. Photos by Andrew Dorpinghaus



(ABOVE) COLLIN COFFMAN, WICHITA FRESHMAN, heats up his elbow before going out to baseball practice. Photo by Jason Unruh





STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN A PIE EATING CONTEST

(above) during halftime of the men's basketball game against Colby on February 2. Photo by Andrew Dorpinghaus



CASEY MCCULLOUGH, STILLWATER, OKLA. FRESHMAN, (left) makes a play by tagging a Friends University player out at first base. Butler defeated Friends in both games on February 15. Photo by Andrew Dorpinghaus



NICK EDEN, VALLEY CENTER SOPHOMORE (right), relaxes outside the Student Union serenading passersby on his guitar. Photo by Andrew Dorpinghaus





(ABOVE) MANY STUDENTS participate and work on their balance in an afternoon dance class. Photo by Andrew Dorpinghaus

BECKY FARHA, YATES CENTER FRESHMAN (right), practices on the piano in the 700 building. Photo by Andrew Dorpinghaus



JASON UNRUH, MAIZE FRESHMAN (left), prepares to line up the folio, a part of the newspaper, that is to be later pasted down. Photo by Christina Crow

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BY NICOLE NORRIS

Student academic probation. Not something we hear a lot about, that is until enrollment for the next semester comes rolling around the corner. Which is exactly what happened between the end of the fall 2004 semester and the beginning of the spring 2005 semester.

The student probation policy is the same for every student. Those who are enrolled in a minimum of seven credit hours and earn less than a 1.5 grade point average will be given a letter from the Registrar. This letter basically lets the student know that they are being placed on academic probation. This means, if at the end of the following semester, the student has not raised his or her grade point average to a minimum of 1.5, they will be placed on academic suspension.

Even so, the reason behind the number of students put on probation last semester was more than just because of “their lack of engagement in their academic program,” says Bill Rinkenbaugh, Vice President for Student Services, “even though it is the most common.”

“The causes of students being placed on probation is as varied as the numbers of students,” comments Rinkenbaugh. Some of the key factors that may cause an impact on students’ grades include transportation difficulties, childcare issues for single parents, or even financial constraints.

Student probation is not the only issue that contributed to this spring enrollment drop. Another major factor had to do with the ice storm, which slammed Kansas the first week of January.

“There were a lot of personal costs associated with the storm,” says Rinkenbaugh. Students of all ages found themselves having to deal with the ice storm, financially. There were costs for home damages, hotel costs for those without electricity, costs for any shredded trees and food costs.

“These costs took away a lot of resources that could have been used for college classes,” says Rinkenbaugh.

Enrollment for every semester constantly varies. For example, Rinkenbaugh says, “there were 638 students placed on probation fall 2003. This compares to 548 students following spring 2004. This represents an increased of 90 students.” The reason supporting academic probation is because it is “primarily a wake-up call for the

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student,” comments Rinkenbaugh.

As far as the financial standpoint goes, since there was an increase of 90 students over last spring, who returned from being on academic probation, there is no significant negative affect on the college. So, all

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LEARNING IN CLASS. These students are becoming more educated by sitting in on their teacher's lecture. Unfortunately, for those who wanted to, this is something that not everyone is able to participate in, in the beginning of this semester. Between transportation difficulties for some students, childcare issues for single parents, other financial constraints and the ice storm, these all had a major contribution to some students who were not able to return this semester. Time and money has so much to do with being in college. Sometimes it doesn't seem like there is enough of either.

in all, the impact will be minimal. Rinkenbaugh says that none of this will greatly affect the enrollment of next fall. "The admissions staff continues to work extremely hard to attract new students to Butler. And to date we

the student.” -Bill Rinkenbaugh

have had about 500 more campus visits than a year ago. All of this indicates that enrollment this fall will be OK.”

Attendance Policy:

Not so "Dumb" After All

**STORY BY NICOLE
NORRIS & RACHELLE
POIRIER**

**LAYOUT BY
NICOLE NORRIS**

Students at Butler Community College often complain about attendance policies enforced by administrators. Why does it seem the administrators at four year universities, such as K-State or KU, don't appear to care about the attendance of their students? There are several reasons supporting Butler's attendance policy that many students don't take the time to think about.

The institutional policy for attendance states, "Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and examination meetings. Students are also expected to maintain satisfactory progress in each of the classes in which they are enrolled. Thus, whenever absences become excessive and, in the instructor's opinion, minimum course objectives cannot be met due to absences, the students may, at the discretion of the instructor, be withdrawn from the course. Instructors are responsible for clearly stating their attendance policy in the course syllabus, and it is the student's responsibility to be aware of those responsibilities."

According to Dean Patton he believes the policy works pretty well.

"If we didn't have it, more students would be less successful," says Patton. If you were to stop and think about it you could see that the policy is pretty reasonable.

Ms. Helen Barnes, Humanities and Arts instructor, has diverse feelings about the attendance policy, she says,

"If students do not want to attend class, they won't, bottom line, no matter what the reflection on their grade. I think that knowing it *might* affect their grade at least makes some



Photo by Andrew Dorphinghaus

who might tend to blow it off consider attending.”

“Students are not as motivated unless someone has expectations of them,” says Patton, and most students agree with him.

Ashley Baxter, Manhattan freshman, says, “I agree with the policy because it encourages me to go to class, although, it allows those who don’t want to be in class to be dropped, which makes room for those who want to be in that particular course.”

Although the policy does work, Dean Patton believes that the instructor should be more aware that the policy is flexible.

“I would like to see more teachers come up with their own rules and policies,” says Patton. Teachers’ own policies may include awarding points for attendance or promising to omit the final exam if the student has perfect attendance.

“I like the idea of awarding points for attendance, but do not favor cancelling out a

final,” says Patton, “It takes the learning experience away from the students.”

“If you’re passing, I think it’s no problem missing a few days, but if you’re failing, the teacher has the right to drop you,” says Michael Mock, Clay Center freshman.

Even though there are a lot of complaints about having an attendance policy, the outcome of students’ impulse to attend class supports the policy and shows that it actually does work.

ATTENDANCE POLICY KEEPING STUDENTS MOTIVATED. Arts and Humanities Dean Patton believes the attendance policy is there to motivate students to go to class. He believes the policy is firm overall, but also supports the idea of instructors modifying it to their personal preferences. This would allow instructors to enforce any or all of the policy which they believe is essential for the class.



Photo by Andrew Dornhinehaus

FLEXIBLE POLICY. Dr. John Jekinson, English and Informal English instructor, has the right along with all other instructors to modify the attendance policy to enhance any particular statement in the guiding principle.



WhattaCrock: A Butler Success Story

by: Amy Knowles

If you ask most students at Butler why they came here, most would probably say because it is cheaper than a four year school. Or maybe because it was close to home. Maybe it is because they are hoping that they will discover what it is they want to be when they grow up. For whatever reason, you ended up here. The question you should be wondering is what is Butler doing for you? What has Butler taught you that will help you in the future?

The easy answer is that you are here getting your general education requirements out of the way. Butler enables students, like yourself, to do that relatively cheaply. But other than the obvious, what IS Butler doing for you?

The best way to find out - ask someone who has been in your shoes. Why not ask a Butler alumnus?

Kim L. Lawrence came to Butler as a non-traditional student, returning to school after her son started high school.

"I was encouraged by my family and friends to continue my education which was one of my life goals," she explains.

She graduated in 1989. She not only graduated but took her goal very seriously. She was not only an Order of the Purple recipient but she was also an R. D. Hubbard Scholarship nominee.

After graduation, she took some time off. She took a job on campus as the Alumni Director. She wasn't done there.

"I loved the Butler campus and took a job as the Alumni Director while my son was in high school, but wanted to continue my education so, when my son graduated from high school, I also went to Kansas State University and completed my Bachelor's Degree in family studies/human ecology and design, graduating in 1996."

She was a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society, Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society, and the Human Ecology Honors Program.

The successes she achieved in college would soon be expanded.

Upon returning to El Dorado, she began to concentrate on how to use her new found skills in starting a business.

WhattaCrock, Inc. was the end result. Lawrence established WhattaCrock in 1999 as a home-based business.

These home-made, made by hand, custom candles are quite the buzz.

"We received the honor of 'Best in Show/Best Theme of Product' at the Kansas Expo in Topeka and recently became a member of the FLOK, From the Land of Kansas Organization."

The business is doing so well that they are planning a move.

"We are currently located at 140 N. Main St. in El Dorado, but, are planning a move very soon to expand the manufacturing aspect of our company. We recently attended the Kansas City Gift Market and now have our product in five states and plan on expanding that even further in the coming months. We are a wholesale company but, one of our new lines is the corporate logo business which is also done for individuals and companies and this aspect of our company is growing every day."

As the CEO of the company, she takes on all aspects of production.

"I am the CEO and have learned that title encompasses many hats such as design, art work, and all the day to day work of the business.

"I believe that the ground-up approach of our company makes the business more of a personal product and so, we do all the phases entirely by hand.

"I currently have no full time employees but rely heavily on family and friends who help me as we expand. My husband has been a rock for me and helps me in his spare time.

"The company is now working on all the details of expansion, one of which includes hiring and training. We never want the product to become cookie cutter crocks and thus we want to take the time to train individuals to continue the process of making each and every WhattaCrock by hand."

You may be thinking "Hey that sounds great, but what does Butler have to do with that?" Here's your answer.

"I truly believe that Butler helped set the foundation that gave me the confidence and the knowledge to pursue my goals by instilling a strong work ethic and self confidence to challenge myself to achieve.

"I went on to a much bigger college environment at Kansas State University and was very well prepared from by Butler experience. I believe that by attending Butler and having the smaller classroom and one on one exposure to the teachers and students I was more aware of what to expect from a four year college, which made the transition easier.

"I will always cherish my Butler College memories of which I made life long friendships with both the other students as well as with many of the faculty."

Like everything, Butler has changed a little since she graduated in 1989, but to Lawrence, it hasn't changed that much.

"I watch as Butler expands and updates but I still see Butler as the friendly, welcoming campus I will always remember."

As you can see, Butler can do a lot for you - if you take advantage of it. So next time you are out with some of the friends you've met in class, sitting through a lecture, or just roaming around campus, stop and take a second. Take it all in.

Appreciate it for what it is - an opportunity. A chance to grow. The possibility to become something that you have always wanted to become. Just think, one day, you may get a call from a budding newspaper or magazine reporter wanting to know how Butler changed your life. Will you have a good answer for them?



Living in the *El Dorado firehouse*

STORY BY DANIEL PEWEWARDY
LAYOUT BY RACHELLE POIRIER

In a basement in downtown El Dorado you will find Butler student Tim Shumate studying for his Biology class. Shumate, and his five roommates, spend most of their time in this basement where, like any student, they study, sleep and watch TV. However, unlike most students, they are firemen in training living below the El Dorado Fire Station.

The idea came from El Dorado Fire Chief Ralph Green who wanted to give students of the Butler Fire Science program a chance to see what it's like to not only work as firemen but to live like them too. His plan was to immerse students into the environment of a fire department by having them live in one.

However, this idea never happened due to budget constraints. It wasn't until last semester that Green's vision became a reality.

The Butler Fire Science Residence Program provides living accommodations for eager Butler Fire Science students. Students in the Fire Science program study alongside actual Butler County Fire and EMS to receive the credits they need to become registered firefighters.

Living at the station is not a requirement but it does provide valuable experience and knowledge that cannot be obtained in an ordinary college class. "Riding out at two in the morning to check a house for smoke is nothing you can learn in the classroom," says Instructor Tony Yaghijan. Yaghijan has been with the Buter Fire Department for seven years and has also received his training through the fire science program back in its early years before the residency program was established.

Living together with six people in the same room can be quite an experience. The live-in students spend a lot of time in the basement where they live and have a majority of their fire science classes.

"It can be hectic sometimes," says freshman Justin Mawhirter, "especially in the morning when you have to use the bathroom."

Hours of hard work and studying are expected of the residency students. "It's a busy crowd here, you never have too much down time between studying and working up here (in the fire station)," says

Shumate, whose days are filled.

"Usually, I get up about six o'clock. We then usually do our fitness plan and go to the Y from about 7 to 7:30 and work out for about an hour. From then on I'm either on shift or I usually just go through my day and go to class." Tim also works part time at a local business.

The students get most of their training in a small classroom in the basment of the Fire Station. They



WHERE THERE'S SMOKE THERE'S FIRE. Firefighter students receive their hands on experience by putting out man made fires as part of their drills. Their practice will give them the courage to some day answer the call of a burning residence.

Photo courtesy of the El Dorado Fire Department.



PHOTO BY ANDREW DORPINGHAUS

also train at 12 other locations including the El Dorado Civic Center, McConnell, Andover Fire Rescue, and El Dorado EMS Station. They train in all areas of fire and emergency safety, ranging from the basic principles of firefighting, to crash victim extraction and also firefighter agility and fitness, to obtain their Firefighter 1 and 2 certificates. The certificates are needed to be registered firefighters.

The lessons learned by the students are far from obtained just in the classroom. All the students living at the fire station have all completed their Firefighting 1 certifications and are active volunteer

firefighters. When on call they are required to wear a uniform that consists of khaki pants, a Butler Fire Rescue collared shirt and a belt which has their pagers and two way radios. "It gives them an obligation," says Yaghijan, who feels that uniforms help strengthen character.

Like most Butler students, they continue their education either by taking their fire science courses at the station or their core requirements at the El Dorado campus. However, when their pagers go off they spring into action, immediately transforming from average college student into trained firefighter.

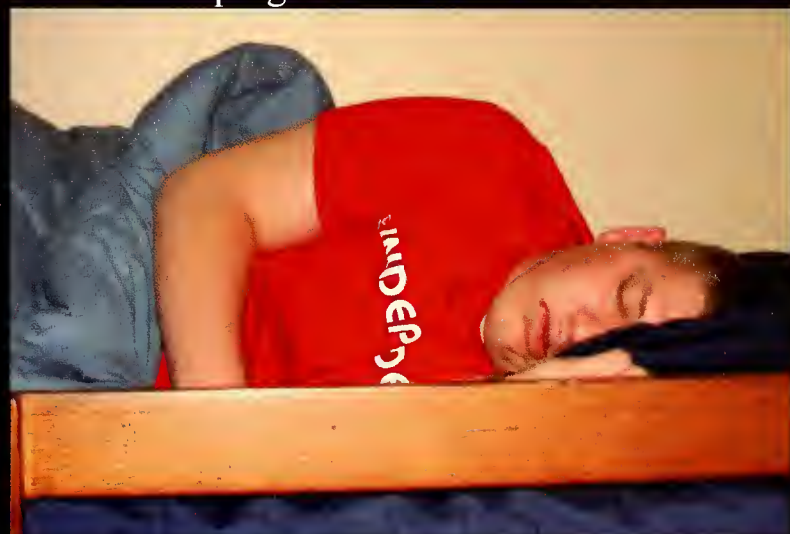


LIKE A GIANT CAN OPENER! Firefighters answer many diverse emergency calls other than fires, such as severe car accidents where the jaws of life would be needed.

Photo courtesy of the El Dorado Fire Department.



THEY HAVE HOMEWORK TO Students always have homework, even those who live beneath the firehouse like Tim Shumate. Photo by Andrew Dorpinghaus



DREAM ON. Brandon Hurt eats, sleeps, lounges and studies in the El Dorado firehouse. Photo by Andrew Dorpinghaus

What you should know about

Living in Tornado Alley

BY RACHELLE POIRIER

Photo courtesy of www.leesweather.com

Tornado is not such an uncommon term when you live in the heart of Tornado Alley. Tornado Alley stretches across the United States from Texas to North Dakota and spreads from Colorado to Ohio. According to "Where is Tornado Alley?" (www.tornadochasers.net/tornadoalley.html), the alley represents where the most violent tornadoes are likely to occur. Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas are considered the heart of Tornado Alley.

Practically everyone knows what the blaring of the sirens means during a severe thunderstorm, but is everyone prepared if one is roaring down a path headed in your direction? Do you know what actions

they continued with their travels. Behind them, were damaged homes and roadways across Mulvane.

Troy Snedeker was lucky. The police officer was there to direct him, along with the others, to safety. But what if there wasn't anyone around to assist you?

The first step is understanding where a tornado comes from. This way, you know what signs to look out for in the event of severe storm.

According to "Severe Thunderstorm" (www.disastereducation.org), all storms, no matter what their size, are dangerous. "They all produce lightning, which kills more people each year than tornadoes and hurricanes."

"While taking shelter in a ditch parallel to K15, my brother managed to take a picture with his cell phone of the twister across the street in a field."

-Troy Snedeker

to take if you're in the path of a twister and you're at home, in your car, or in the outdoors?

Troy Snedeker, Wichita sophomore, survived a tornado while driving in his car in May last year.

"My brothers and I were headed to Wichita from Winfield in a severe storm," says Snedeker.

"We kept driving, hoping we would make it home before it got much worse."

Before they made it home, they noticed a tornado approximately 200 yards from their location.

"We drove up to a bunch of cars pulled over

between Mulvane and Derby. As we got closer to them, we noticed a police officer waving people to pull over to avoid the flying debris ahead."

The boys took shelter in a ditch parallel to K15 where they had a

clear view of the twister. "My brother managed to take a picture of the tornado with his cell phone when it was across the street in a field," says Snedeker, "We weren't scared because we knew it was headed away from us."

The twister soon headed out of their trail home so

"Severe Thunderstorm" also says that larger and stronger storms are classified as *severe* if the storm "produces hail at least 3/4 of an inch in diameter, has wind gusts of 58 mph or produces a tornado." Severe storms can produce other dangerous factors as well, such as "heavy rain, which can lead to flash flooding, and tornadoes."

A severe thunderstorm also produces "high winds which can cause damage to homes, overturn vehicles, and blow down trees and

utility poles, causing widespread power outages."

"Tornado Disaster" (www.whyfiles.org) says "interactions between air at various altitude, humidity



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www.leesweather.com

and temperatures cause rain, lightning, air circulation and strengthening of the rotating updraft, which is called a 'mesocyclone'. Low-level wind helps cause this rotation, which is almost always counter-clockwise in the Northern Hemisphere."



Courtesy of NOAA/ NCAR
www.leesweather.com

WE'RE #1! Did you know this hailstone landed in Coffeyville (Sept. 3, 1970), at 5.6" in diameter weighing 1.67 lbs, and is one of the largest ever recorded.

DID YOU KNOW:

- *Kansas holds the record for the highest number of F5 tornadoes since 1880.
- *One of the worst things you can do during a tornado is to hide under an overpass.
- *One of the worst tornado outbreaks across the US occurred on May 3-4, 2003.
- *The worst tornado outbreak occurred on April 3-4, 1971, when 147 twisters touched down in 13 different states.
- *Ten other states, not included in Tornado Alley, also have many tornadoes.
- *Most tornadoes rotate counterclockwise in the Northern Hemisphere and clockwise south of the equator.
- *Before 1950 the word 'tornado' in forecasts was often discouraged or forbidden because of the fear of panic.
- *Winds from the strongest tornadoes are stronger than strongest hurricanes but cause a lot less damage.

At this stage, there is a strong possibility that a tornado can be formed, so a tornado *watch* may be issued by the National Weather Service. The American Red Cross says a tornado watch simply means there is a chance of a tornado in your area.

"Tornado Disaster" continues to say, "a tornado may form below the mesocyclone. As the spinning air column narrows, it rotates faster and extends higher into the storm."

If a tornado has been sighted, by sight or radar, then a tornado *warning* will be issued by the National Weather Service.

If a tornado watch is issued, you should locate your safe place and double check that a disaster supply kit is situated. According to the American Red Cross, "you should take shelter in your basement or, if there is no basement, a central hallway, bathroom, or closet on the lowest floor."

If you are in a high rise building, you may not have enough time to go to the lowest floor, so the Red Cross suggests you take shelter in the center of the building.



HARPER COUNTY. This twister touched down on May 29, 2004. Photo via internet by Jesse V Bass III (www.vastormphoto.com)

ASSEMBLE A DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT

According to The American Red Cross

First Aid kit and
essential medication

Canned food and
can opener

Protective clothing,
bedding, or sleeping
bags

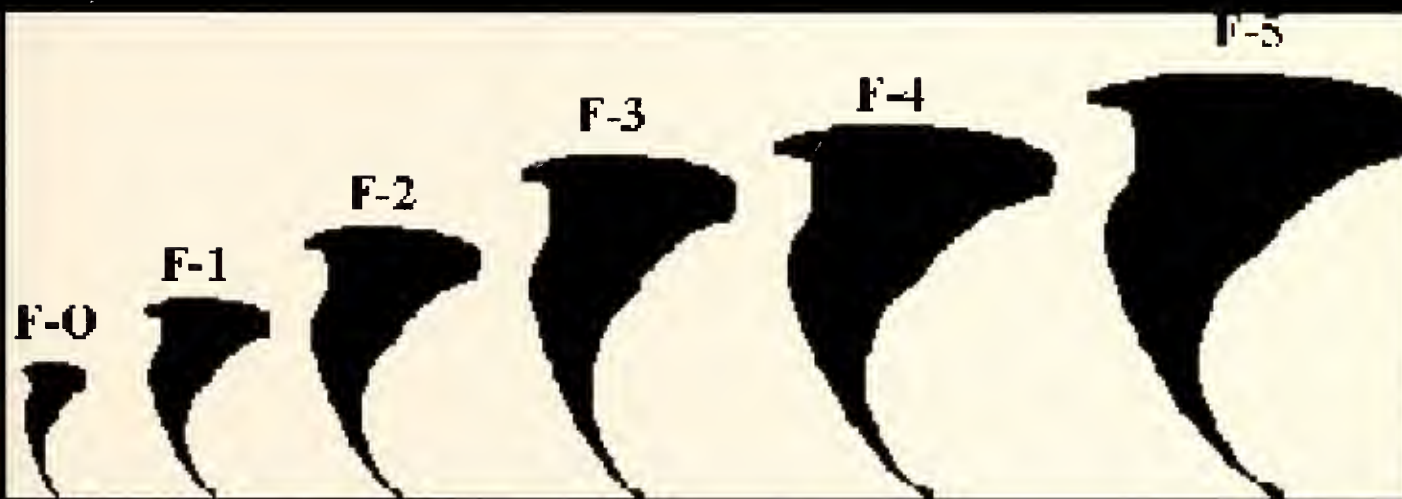
"If you are outside when a warning is issued, you should still take shelter in a basement of a nearby sturdy building or lie flat in a ditch or low-riding area. If you are in your car or mobile home, you should get out immediately, and head for safety."

The amount of damage left by a tornado depends on the Fujita Scale of the tornado, which considers the damage to be anywhere between gale and inconceivable. (See scale below) According to "Where is Tornado Alley?" Kansas holds the record of the highest number of F5 tornadoes since 1880.

March marks the beginning of tornado season, when the majority of tornadoes touch down. Be sure to pay attention to weather forecasts to be aware when a storm is heading in your direction. Know where your safe place is located and be sure to put together a disaster safety kit. Preparation is the most significant way to be ready when severe weather strikes.



FUJITA SCALE



<u>F-Scale #</u>	<u>Wind Speed</u>	<u>Intensity Phrase</u>
F0	40-72mph	Gale
F1	73-112mph	Moderate
F2	113-157mph	Significant
F3	158-206mph	Severe
F4	207-260mph	Devastating
F5	261-318mph	Incredible

TOUCH DOWN! A twister touches down in Mulvane on June 12, 2004. Photo via internet at www.targetarea.net by Scott Blair.

Battery-operated radio, flashlight, and extra batteries.

Special items for infant, elderly, or disabled members

Written instructions on how to turn off electricity, gas, and water if authorities

advise you to do so. (You'll need a professional to turn natural gas service back on)



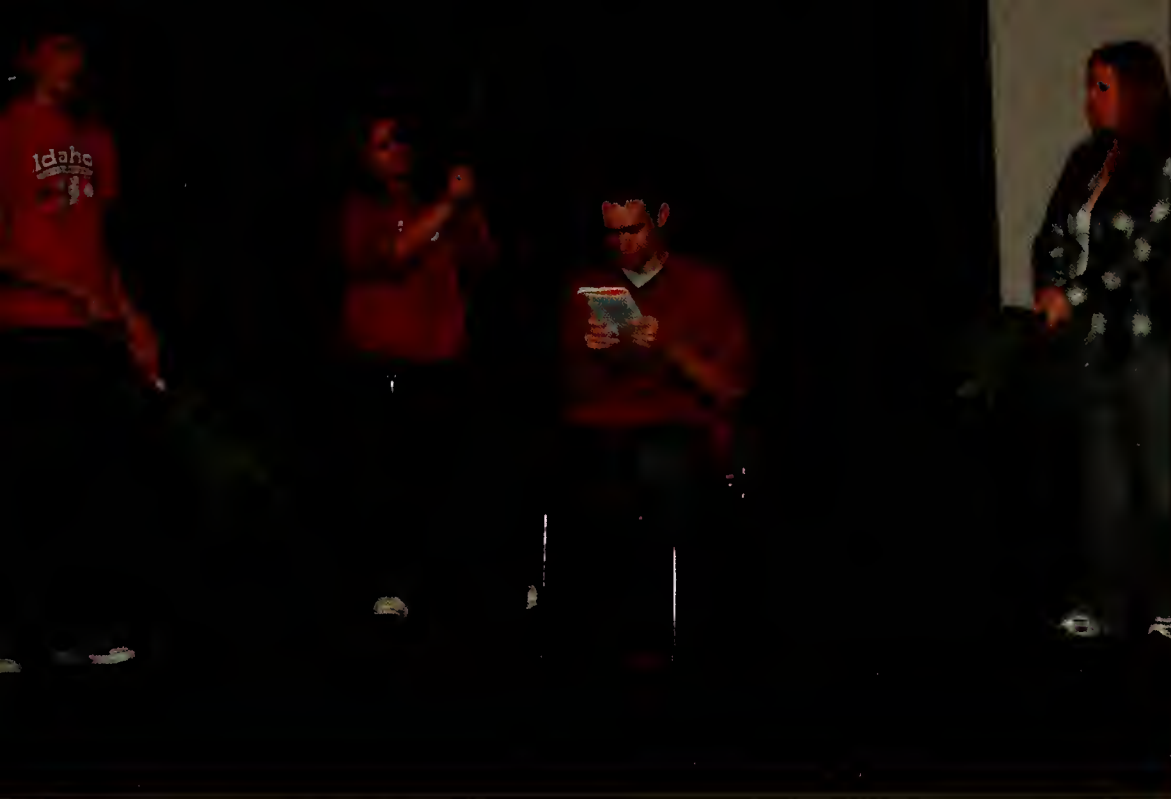
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Making the Play Tokoloshe

LAYOUT AND STORY BY CHRISTINA CROW
PHOTOS BY ANDREW DORPINGHAUS



During the week of February 14-18 the Butler Theatre Department put on their annual children's production "Tokoloshe." The play is written by Peter Scholtz and directed by Butler Theatre Instructor Gina Austin-

resh. This one-act play was presented to the area's elementary schools during the week and to the general public on Saturday, Feb. 19.

Before the department could put the play on, they took months to put it all together. First the students had to audition for it, then whoever got the parts had to practice for at least two hours a day. After their practices the crew went to work steadily from 3-5 p.m. to put the set together. Only one week before, the crew got all the lighting set up the way they needed it with the help of technical director Bernie Wonsetler. After all this hard work the crew was ready to sit back and enjoy performing for their young audiences.

This play was about a young girl named Thandi from the Zulu tribe in Africa. She catches a strange fish, named Tokoloshe, the most mischievous river spirit and trickster in Zulu Folklore. In return for his freedom, Tokoloshe promises to serve Thandi. This play was full of surprises, with celebrating respect, freedom and loyalty as a foundation of friendship, a great play for the children to watch and enjoy.



MEMBERS OF THE CASTING CREW (top left) work on a scene from the play. (Top right), other members of the play take a break from their scene and watch and support their fellow cast members. (Above) After the play each day, the cast stood outside and greeted the elementary kids who came to watch.

OUT: SLAP BRACELETS IN: SUPPORT BRACELETS

STORY BY JENNIFER CHRAPKOWSKI

The latest fashion trend to become “in” since slap bracelets (you know you remember those) has made its way from coast to coast, but they aren’t just for show.

The yellow Livestrong bracelets started by Lance Armstrong have their proceeds go to the Lance Armstrong Foundation for cancer. Over 30 million bracelets have been sold so far. They have led the way for this new craze leaving other foundations to try and profit from this as well.

These silicone bracelets are made for everything now, with the option of even having them personalized. The color possibilities are endless as well.

Pink bracelets are available to show support for Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. They say “FIND THE CURE.”

Juvenile diabetes has a blue bracelet supporting the Naomi Berrie Diabetes Center in New York. The bracelet says “CURE DIABETES TODAY.”

A few other colors in support of cancer are the light blue for prostate cancer, gold for childhood cancer and orange for Lupus.

But they are not all just for cancers.

They have many patriotic bracelets available to support the troops deployed overseas. A red, white and blue bracelet that says “SUPPORT OUR TROOPS” and also comes in yellow and a camouflage print.

Manhattanville College in New York has started a fundraiser to not only donate money but to adopt a pen pal over seas. The program is called “My soldier.”

After registering for a soldier to adopt they will mail you a package with instructions/guidelines on what you can or can’t write along with a red bracelet that says “MY SOLDIER.”

Donations are encouraged but not required. Letters are the only thing participants have to mail, but the troops always appreciate care packages.

The idea is win-win for everyone, the troops get the support from real people that they need and the pen pals get a trendy bracelet.

Schools have across the state have sold these as well.

University of Kansas has a blue “ROCK JOCK”, Butler has had a variation of these that say “GRIZ-ZLIES.”

Most schools are selling them as a way to show school spirit.

The recent Tsunami has also made its way into this trend with bracelets that say “TSUNAMI SUPPORT.”

Nearly every company has taken their dip into this new trend and have exploited these noble causes.

Nike is one of the major companies to jump on the bandwagon with messages ranging from sports phrases to the infamous Nike swoosh.

Several other generic companies are selling these in bulk with countless possibilities. These companies web sites feature a rainbow of colors for each cause. Of all things to make scented, they have chosen bracelets. Imagine having someone walk up to you and ask to sniff your arm.

Hopefully that doesn’t last.

SHOWING THEIR SUPPORT.

All over campus students are wearing these bracelets. Some are just hanging out like Tiya Tatum, Liberal, sophomore (below), wearing her LIVE-STRONG bracelet as she drives around campus. And even Tonya Nawton, Salina, sophomore (Right) as she warms up on an exercise bike before cross-country practice.



Other Bracelets:

Brain Cancer - Gray

Breast Cancer - Pink

Childhood Cancer - Amber

Colon Cancer - Royal Blue

Colorectal Cancer - Brown

Leukemia - Orange

Lung Cancer - Clear

Melanoma - Black

Ovarian, Cervical Cancer - Teal

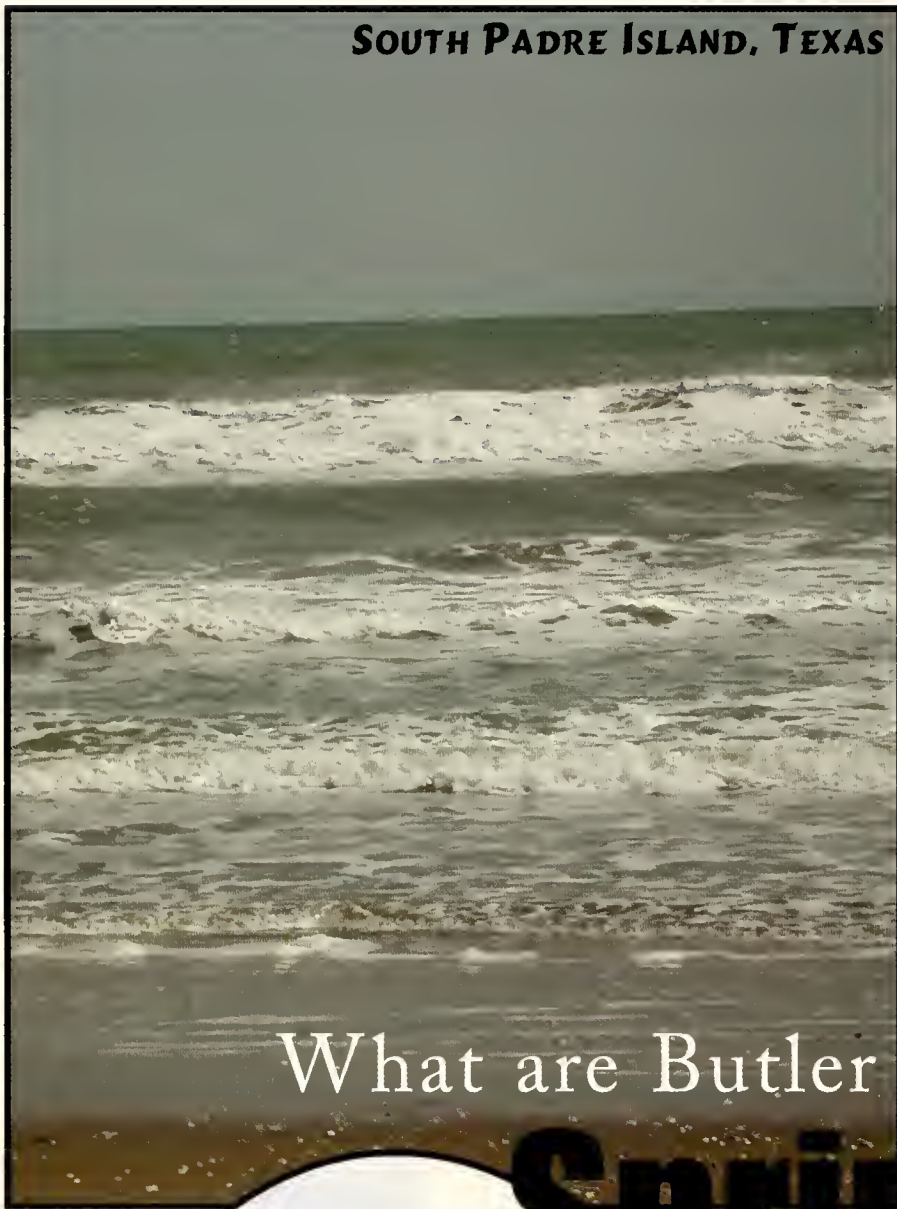
Pancreatic Cancer - Purple

Prostate Cancer - Light Blue

Other Cancers - Lavender



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What are Butler students doing for **Spring Break?**

BY RACHELLE POIRIER

Students exhaust themselves all year by dedicating their time to their education. Other than winter and summer vacation between semesters, students find themselves striving for national holidays which relieves them with an extended weekend. But by far, the most anticipated vacation time for students during the school year has to be Spring Break. A whole week to spend their time at their own discretion.

MTV supports this break by broadcasting from “the only place to be for spring break,” in Daytona, Fla. Special discounts are available for high school and college students who want in on the fun.

Okay, so the biggest party is in Daytona, but not all students are making the trip to the Sunshine State.

So how are the other students spending their free time in March?

For some it's too early to tell. Josephine Lea, Derby freshman, says she doesn't know what her plans are exactly but she would like to travel with her friends during the break.

SAIL AWAY TO PARADISE. Step out of the ordinary onto a cruise line to Nassau, Bahamas, a Spring Break favorite.

Popular Spring Break Vacation Sites

Acapulco, Mexico
Amsterdam, Netherlands
Barbados, Bahamas
Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
Cancun, Mexico
Daytona, Fla.
Key West, Fla.
Mazatlan, Mexico
Nassau, Bahamas
Negril, Jamaica
Panama City, Fla.
South Beach, Miami, Fla.
South Padre Island, Texas

Students around campus are...

Traveling out of country	6%
Traveling out of state	25%
Traveling in state	21%
Working	32%
Just hanging out	16%

Based on a poll of 100 students

Brock Shmidt, Newton freshman, says he will “probably go skiing in Vail, Colo. with friends.”

For others, the break signifies an extra opportunity for labor. “I plan to work at a local restaurant in my hometown,” says Hayley Haskin, Greensburg freshman. Money is the main factor holding Haskin back from traveling to Florida or Texas to attend major parties. But for her, it’s not that big of a disappointment since she usually doesn’t travel during Spring Break.

The break also allows students to take advantage of the extra free time by planning for the future. Britny Kuenstler, Abilene, Texas, sophomore, is traveling to Fort Collins, Colo. to scout out a new home where she will be attending Colorado State University in the fall. She’s making the trip with her roommate and their moms.

The break is a perfect opportunity to slow down and take a breath from all the chaos of the education world. No matter how the extra time is spent, whether it is occupied by work, traveling or just staying home and relaxing with friends, the time is handed to you, enabling you to catch up with all the things that you have lost track of during the school year.



COOLING DOWN IN SPRING! Bryce Taber, Wichita freshman, expresses himself, snowboarding at the Keystone snowboarding park.



A ROUGH ROAD FOR MEN'S BASKETBALL

Opinion

By Jeremy Costello

The season for the men's basketball team has been an adventure. It could be compared to going down a dangerous river. There are several winding turns and surprises, unforeseen dips, a few snags and snatches of both calm and rapid waters. And who knows when a storm will pop out of nowhere. The Grizzlies got off to a great start. They were winning at home and on the road. Many players were getting involved. Returning starters AJ Calvin, Detroit, Mich. sophomore, Brian Ross, Pratt sophomore and Kevin Menifee, McKeesport, Penn. sophomore, were the leaders and workhorses for the team. Corey Bailey, Tampa, Fla. freshman, proved to be an invaluable addition and recruit for the team. You could tell that there was talent on this team when night in and night out you would wonder when Bailey would just bust loose and wreak havoc on the unfortunate defender guarding him that night. You wanted see if Ross would catch fire from the three point line, or if Calvin would make one of those behind the back passes you see on Sportscenter's top ten plays.

The Grizzlies were also one of the deepest teams in the conference and everyone on the bench fit his role on the team perfectly. Things seemed like they would be smooth sailing and Butler would do some damage in the conference.

But then the team hit a few rocks on the river. Underneath the seemingly calm waters was some controversy, including a couple of disagreements between players and coaches. Head coach Dennis Helms made a statement to the fans, giving reasons why they should come out to the Power Plant.

The fans will always flock to Galen Blackmore Stadium to watch the football team. No, the basketball team is not going to win the national championship, but there are still plenty of reasons why the Power Plant should be packed for the Grizzlies' home games.

Despite all of that, the Grizzlies had an 11-3 record after the first game of the new year. The team seemed to be sticking to the course.

But then, some of these unforeseen dips appeared, causing some setbacks. Two of the players, Bailey and Kyle Younkin, Junction City freshman, were lost for the rest of the season. Bailey stayed at his hometown in Florida to be near his family and girlfriend and Younkin had some academic concerns, according to the coaching staff. Okay, that was a situation the Grizzlies did not need or were prepared to handle, but the team had to move on.

The ride only got bumpier. The Grizzlies lost their next five games, all of which were against conference opponents. Butler fell in the standings faster than the speed of a white water rapid. To make matters worse, another player, CJ Milum, Wichita freshman, simply walked out of a practice and, in essence, left the team. Then a huge storm broke out. Lance Harris, Wichita freshman, lost his father, Leon, to a heart attack. The rest of the Butler players did what I consider to be one of the classiest and inspiring things a team could do in a situation like that. In the first game after the tragic event against Garden City, the team wore a black patch on their jerseys and held up an 'L' in the air to show that the performance was for Lance and his father. The Grizzlies played the best game they played all season.

They showed a lot of heart, as well as pride and it showed. The game was almost a constant highlight reel as there was one dunk after another, unbelievable passing and terrific shooting. Everything led to a 76-64 victory, which was the first conference win for the team.

Though the destination is not yet in sight, there is plenty of hope for a team that has had everything come against it. But you can't help but wonder. If none of those players left in the middle of the season, if there were no distractions off the court and sorrowing events did not engulf the team, just how good could they have been? Now that would be something to watch.

Women under new leadership

Opinion

By Steve Barnack

The Butler women's basketball team is used to facing adversity with two players quitting for personal reasons and one starter lost to injury, but imagine your head coach not being there after the semester break.

What do you do?

Enter assistant head coach Melissa Fullmer who has replaced Earl Diddle as Butler's head coach for the remainder of the year.

Reason why, you ask? Because Coach Diddle split for a new gig at Howard College in Big Spring, Texas.

At Howard, Diddle will have 12-15 full-ride scholarships available for recruits, and no limit on out-of-state players. As a bonus to Diddle, there is no football program at Howard.

Even though Fullmer is currently 3-8 as Butler's head coach, don't let the record tell the tale of the tape.

"It's a good opportunity for me. I've had a lot thrown on my plate (with the promotion)," Fullmer said.

Fullmer definitely brings a new style to the mix. A lot of players think she is a little more relaxed and a little more focused. Fullmer doesn't plan to change the style of play that the team has come accustomed to playing under former coach Diddle.

Before coming to Butler, Fullmer served as an assistant coach at Northeastern State, leading the Lady Reds to the sweet sixteen round of the NCAA Division II tournament with 25-8 record.

Fullmer is coming in with impressive credentials. She played basketball at Gravette High School in Arkansas where she became the school's all-time scoring leader. She went on to play college ball at Crowder College in Neosho, Mo. for two years, earning all-region honors. She finished her college playing career at Northeastern State University, Okla. There, she was two-time all-conference player and led her team in scoring and rebounding as a senior.

When Fullmer took over as head coach, she, like everyone else, was a little surprised. The timing couldn't have been any worse. The Lady Grizzlies

**"We fear no one and we have nothing to lose,"
- Coach Melissa Fullmer**

had to travel to Seward County to take on one of the toughest opponents in the conference. They lost 77-59. The next game was at home against Pratt. Pratt had been on a hot streak, defeating division leader Dodge City. The Lady Grizzlies lost 65-58.

Despite the losses, the team took things in a positive manner, including the coach.

"It's always important to stay positive," Fullmer said. "I make sure to encourage them all the time as we continue to improve."

Keeping that positive attitude helped the team in its next game as the Lady Grizzlies got their first win in the conference and first win for coach Fullmer, defeating Cloud County 84-79 in overtime.

The Lady Grizzlies went on a two game skid following the huge win, losing to Barton County and Dodge City. But the team rebounded with a win against Garden City.

"We played that game with a lot of confidence," Erica Ruckman, Fort Wayne, Ind. sophomore, said. "We expected to win." Coach Fullmer said that it was important that the team continues to believe in themselves and believe that they can win games.

"We fear no one and we have nothing to lose," Fullmer said.

Even though the Lady Grizzlies were picked to finish last, Fullmer said that they should expect themselves to be competitive. Hopefully after the season, Fullmer's hard-earned efforts will pay off and Athletic Director Todd Carter will give Fullmer the job indefinitely. Best of wishes and luck to you Coach Fullmer in the future.

Runners named All American

STORY BY MATT ANDERSON

LAYOUT BY JENNIFER CHRAPKOWSKI

PHOTOS BY ANDREW DORPHINGHAUS

As the Butler Cross Country men's and women's teams got their National Championship rings for participating in the NJCAA half-marathon, other awards were handed out as well. Both teams, who had an excellent season this year, had a couple of All Americans represented at Butler.

All Americans were Diane Nukuri from Canada, Annie Mosier, Riley sophomore and Bobby Reyes, Dacula, Ga. sophomore.

As the best runner maybe of all time here at Butler, freshman Diane Nukuri was definitely one of the picks to represent Butler for the All American list.

"This is an opportunity of a lifetime," says head coach Kirk Hunter, "she is the best woman athlete I have ever coached."

Nukuri, at the age of 15, ran in the 2000 Sydney Olympics. Not picking Nukuri would be an outrage as she won just about every meet she ran and set many meet and school records this year.

Annie Mosier, a number three runner who was also a top performer this year, finished in the top ten many times.

With a rough beginning she was able to pull off a huge accomplishment. "I gave it everything I had, you can't ask for more than that," says Mosier.

Bobby Reyes finished second with a time of 27:04.37. "Bobby did great at nationals. He ran an incredible race," says coach Hunter.

"I was beaten up at the beginning of the year, but I kept working at it and it paid off," says Reyes.

So with the Grizzlies receiving a ring this year, the cross country teams got three representatives as All Americans: Nukuri, Reyes and Mosier.

"I was extremely pleased with the way we ended the season," says Hunter.



Bobby Reyes



PEP TALK. The men's cross country team huddles up before a run.



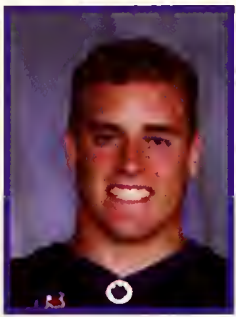
Diane Nukuri

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Annie Mosier

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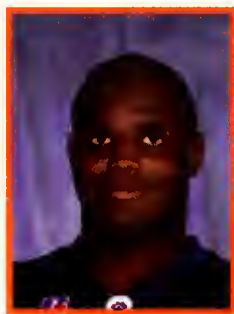
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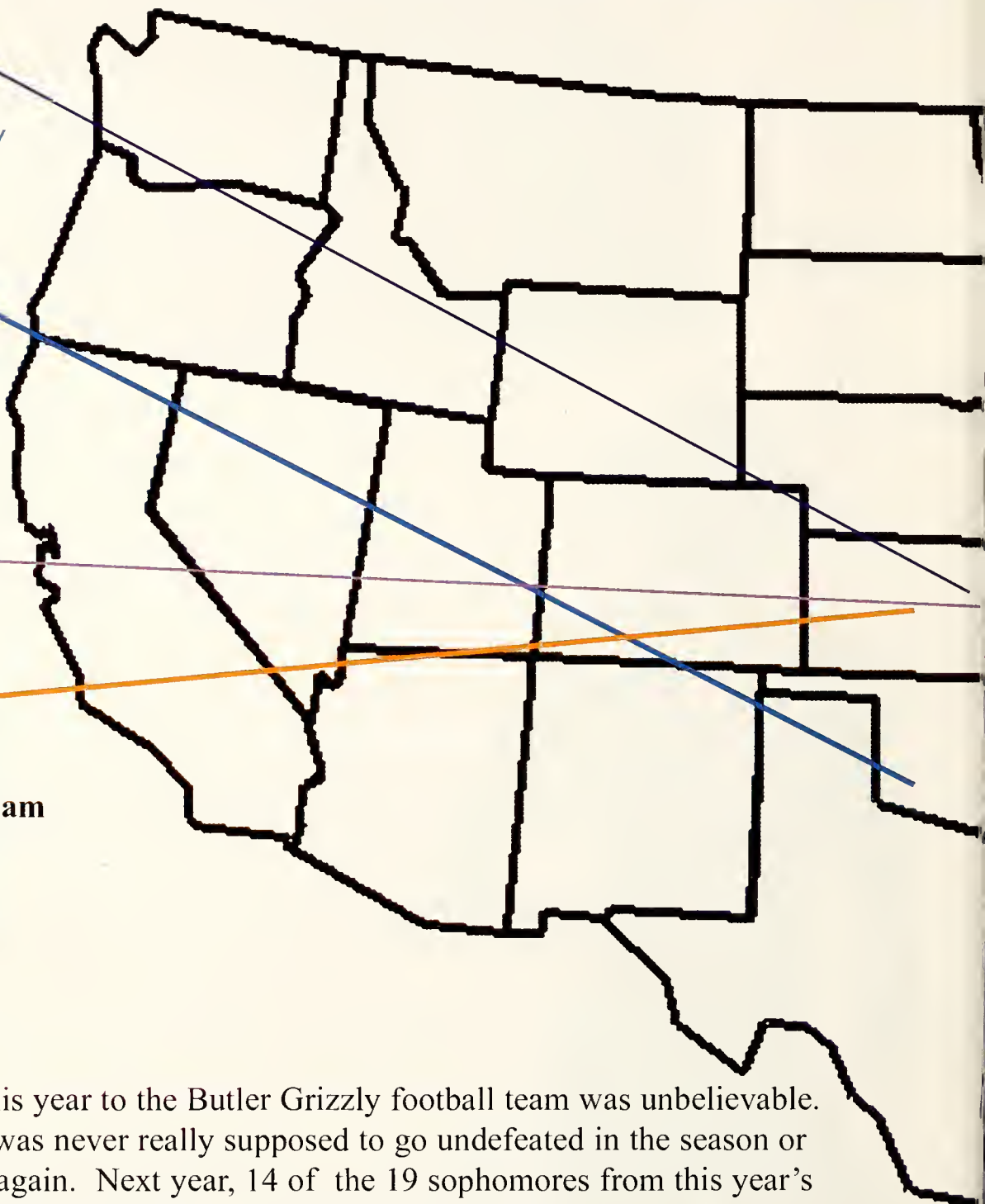
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THEIR NEXT



STORY BY STEVE BARNACK
LAYOUT BY RACHELLE POIRIER

The impact the sophomores made this year to the Butler Grizzly football team was unbelievable. In some people's minds this team was never really supposed to go undefeated in the season or even reach the national title game again. Next year, 14 of the 19 sophomores from this year's team will continue their football careers with other colleges across the nation.

Zac Taylor, the star quarterback from Norman, Okla., immediately made his presence known by throwing for 2,700 yards and 27 touchdowns. Because of Taylor's efforts he will compete for the starting quarterback position next year at Nebraska.

Also joining Taylor at Nebraska will be Frantz Hardy, who caught the ball 31 times for 758 yards and five touchdowns, and defensive end Justin Tomerlin. Tomerlin recorded 12 sacks and 48 tackles while recovering two fumbles.

The reason Tomerlin finally decided on Nebraska was, "The coaching staff first of all, and the ability to make an immediate impact in a program that is on their way back to the top."

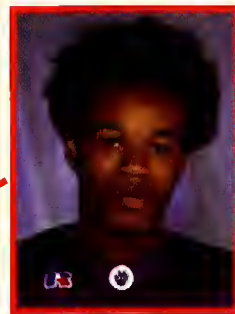
Last year Brian Murph passed up on a chance to play at Southern Illinois. Murph will be attending the University of Kansas this fall to join a program that has made better strides the past two seasons. Murph will be a hard asset to replace after catching the ball 39 times for 782 yards and seven touchdowns.

Also joining Murph at KU will be linebacker Matt Zelzenak. Zelzenak recorded nine tackles and one sack last season.

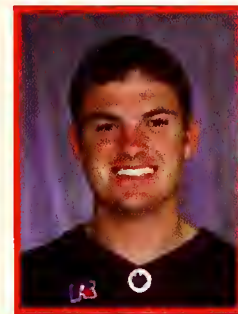
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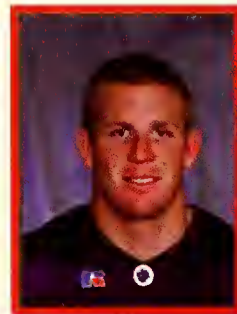
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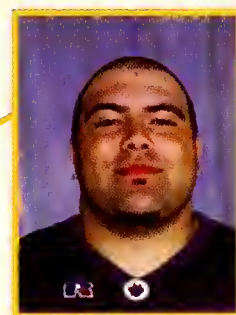


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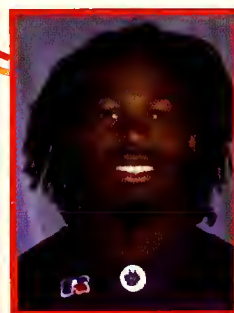
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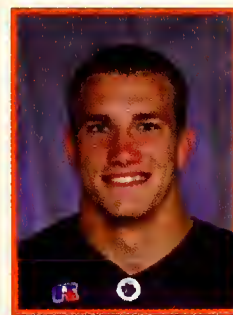
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March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 6-8 p.m. Bball Garden City (A)	2	3	4 Art Exhibit Opens Vocal Concert @ 3 & 7:30 p.m.	5 2-4 p.m. Bball Colby (A) Vocal Concert 7:30 p.m.	6 2005 innovations conference
7 3 p.m. GGD- Rose Hill 2005 innovations conference	8 4:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting 2005 innovations conference	9 Bball- First round of playoffs Deans Council Meeting	10 Op-Staff mtg - 11:30 a.m.	11 1st 8-week ses- sion ends Admin. Council Mtg.	12 Bear Hunt Butler Auction- 6 p.m.	13 Bball- Region VI Tourn (A)
14 Bball- Region VI Tourn (A) 3rd 4-week ses- sion begins	15 Bball- Region VI Tourn (A)	16 Bball- Region VI Tourn (A) KBOR Mtg.	17 St. Patrick's Day Principals & Counselors Mtg.	18	19	20
21 Spring Break!-No Classes	22 Spring Break!-No Classes	23 Spring Break!-No Classes	24 Spring Break!-No Classes	25 Good Friday Offices Closed Campus Closed	26 Spring Break!-No Classes	27 Spring Break!-No Classes
28 Classes resume Summer/Fall Online Enrollment Begins	29	30 Deans Council Mtg.	31			

April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 April Fools Day Art Exhibit Closes	2 North Central Association	3 North Central Association
4 North Central Association Summer/Fall In- Person Enrollment	5 North Central Association	6 No Classes- Institutional Development Day	7	8 International Expo 2nd 5-week ses- sion ends	9 AACC NCA	10 AACC NCA
11 3 p.m. GGD- El Dorado Student Exhibit Opens AACC/ NCA	12 4:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Mtg AACC NCA	13 Deans Council Mtg.	14 Theatre Production 8 p.m. Op- Staff Mtg 11:30 a.m.	15 Theatre Production 8 p.m. 2nd 6-week ses- sion ends	16 Theatre Production 3 & 6 p.m.	17
18 4th 4-week ses- sion begins	19	20 Career Expo Day KBOR Mtg.	21	22 Dance Concert 7:30 p.m.	23 Dance Concert 3 & 7:30 p.m.	24
25	26	27 Deans Council Mtg.	28	29 Vocal Concert 7:30 p.m.	30 Vocal Concert 3 & 7:30 p.m.	